

# Seneca Valley School District



## SCHOOL BOARD ACTION MEETING

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

**May 9, 2022**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.
  - A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Richard “Dick” Meredith. Mr. Meredith was an educator at heart and invested himself in the students and staff of the Seneca Valley School District for 32 years. Upon his retirement, he also served on the Butler County Area Vocational Technical School Authority Board for several years. His love and devotion to his students reached well beyond books, paper and ink, mentoring his students in relational and life skills to last a lifetime. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife, his family, and the community that he invested his life in.
  - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Autumn Pype, fourth grader at Haine Elementary School, continued the board initiative, "I Led the Pledge", by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
  - C. **Roll Call** - Roll call by Lisa Mislán, Board Secretary, showed the following members in attendance: Ms. Leslie Bredl, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Mr. Timothy Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. James Nickel, Mr. Frederick Peterson, Ms. Susan Harrison, Ms. Kathy Whittle, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson.
2. **INFORMATION REPORTS** - Ms. Andreassi announced the following recognitions:
  - A. **Student/Staff Recognition**
    1. Seneca Valley students in video production classes brought home four awards from Robert Morris University’s 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Digital Media Arts Consortium (DMAC) student video festival on April 7. In addition to individual awards for special effects, black and white photography and news stories, the *Seneca Says* crew won in the morning announcements category. This year’s DMAC festival featured student representatives from dozens of western Pennsylvania schools. Seneca Valley students and SVTV volunteers, led by teacher Dan McKosky, submitted work in 10 different categories and had an opportunity to see the varied work of neighboring schools’ artists as well.
    2. The Seneca Valley Marching Band was named the Grand Champions in the Norfolk North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Festival’s “Parade of Nations” in Norfolk, VA, held on April 30. In addition to the Grand Champion award, the highest score of any ensemble at the festival, the marching band also earned the best overall music performance award, best percussion award, best auxiliaries award and a gold rating. SV was one of only 17 high school bands

selected nationwide to be in the parade. At the parade, there were over 75 parade units with local and visiting high school bands, U.S. and International Military bands, and colorful floats that represented each of the 30 NATO Member Nations.

3. The Seneca Valley Academic Decathlon team took first place at the United States Academic Decathlon (USAD) State Competition March 11-12 in Philadelphia. As the state champion, the SV Academic Decathlon team represented the state of Pennsylvania for the virtual USAD National Competition which was held April 21-23. It is our pleasure to share that the SV Academic Decathlon team placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation and earned three individual national medals. Even though the national competition was not in person this year, students competed virtually for all 10 events, including speech and interview via Zoom. The team was led by David Reichard, advisor and senior high school teacher.
4. It is with our deepest appreciation that we congratulate the following 2021-2022 Seneca Valley School District Retirees for their unwavering dedication and commitment to the School District and its students. This group represents a combined 661.5+ years of service:

- Mr. Dan Bailey – School Psychologist – 20 Years
- Ms. Carol Baptiste – Intermediate High School Secretary – 41 Years
- Ms. Judy Baret – Senior High School Secretary – 23 Years
- Mr. James Blontz – Rowan Elementary Maintenance – 16 Years
- Ms. Sharon Bonavoglia – Ryan Gloyer Middle School English Teacher – 25.5 Years
- Ms. Nichole Brandon – CVE First Grade Teacher – 29 Years
- Ms. Darlene Carmack – Food Services Director – 12 Years
- Ms. Jean Cook – Rowan Elementary Cafeteria Manager – 25 Years
- Mr. Tim Dubovi – Evans City Elementary Instruction & Intervention Specialist – 32 Years
- Mr. Kurt Ford – CVE Maintenance Employee – 25 Years
- Ms. Barbara Gerginski – ECE/ECM/SVIHS Cafeteria Manager – 31 Years
- Ms. Tammara Gill – Ryan Gloyer Middle School Mathematics Teacher – 21 Years
- Ms. Sue Hilliard – ECM/HMS/RGMS/IHS/SHS Technology Assistant – 25 Years
- Ms. Margaret Lockovich – Haine Elementary/Haine MS Speech and Language Teacher 4 Years
- Mr. Mark Macedonia – Intermediate High School Social Studies Teacher – 32 Years
- Mr. Aaron Magill – Senior High School Music Teacher – 19 Years
- Mr. Dennis McAnallen – Information Technology Analyst - 21.5 Years
- Ms. Debra McDermott – Intermediate High School Gifted Support Teacher – 25.5 Years
- Mr. James Pearson – Transportation Director – 11 Years
- Ms. Patty Scherz – Rowan Maintenance Employee – 23 Years
- Ms. Jill Schulz – Senior High School Nurse – 21 Years
- Ms. Lisa Seibel – Evans City Elementary Kindergarten – 27 Years
- Ms. Cindy Stacy – SVIHS Cafeteria – 14 Years
- Ms. Rebecca Studds – Rowan Elementary Learning Support Teacher – 26 Years
- Ms. Ann Tanda – Haine Elementary/Haine MS Learning Support Teacher – 18 Years

- Ms. Susanna Wanamaker – CVE/HES/HMS Speech and Language Teacher – 10 Years
- Mr. Clint Weltner – Haine Middle School Fifth Grade Teacher – 27 Years
- Ms. Carla Wright – Evans City Middle School Secretary – 34 Years
- Ms. Julie Zajac – Haine Elementary Learning Support Teacher – 23 Years

B. **Dates to Remember** - Ms. Andreassi announced the following dates to remember:

May	Mental Health Awareness Month
May 2-12	Pennsylvania System of School Assessment Exams
May 2-13	Advanced Placement Exams
May 9	Evans City Elem/MS Commemoration Public Tours - 4:30-6 p.m.
May 11	Evans City Elem/MS Commemoration Public Tours - 4:30-6 p.m.
May 11	National School Nurse Day
May 13	Act 80 (Professional Development) Day, No School for Students, Graduation Project Presentations
May 14	Evans City Elem/MS Commemoration Public Tours - 2-4 p.m.
May 14	Prom - Grand March begins at 5 p.m., SVSHS
May 16	Evans City Elem/MS Commemoration Public Tours - 4:30-6 p.m.
May 16-27	Keystone Exams
May 26	Graduation Day (May 27 is the Rain Date)
May 30	Memorial Day Holiday - No School for Students and Staff
May 31	End of K-6 Third Trimester and 7-12 Fourth Nine Weeks for SVAOC
June 3	Last Day of School K-11
June 6	Teacher In-Service Day

C. **Financial Reports** - The following reports were provided in the backup materials:

1. Operations
2. Senior High Activities
3. Intermediate High Activities
4. Middle School Activities
5. Athletics
6. Food Service
7. Tax Collection Reports
8. Capital Projects Funds

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Public comment was heard from Ms. Kayla Burgert on the subject of redistricting.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approved the following meeting minutes:

- A. **Work Session** - April 4, 2022
- B. **Action Meeting** - April 11, 2022

5. **TREASURER’S REPORT** - Approved the treasurer's report

6. **GENERAL FUND BILLS** - Approved the general fund bills totaling \$2,814,910.04

7. **CONSTRUCTION FUND BILLS** - Approved the construction fund bills totaling \$2,538,415.36

Mr. Hester motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, general fund bills and construction fund bills as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

8. **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

- A. **Board Policies** - Approved the following board policies:
1. Policy 227, Substance Use/Abuse - revised, first reading.
  2. Policy 227.1, Drug and Alcohol Awareness for Athletic Programs, Extracurricular Activities, and Student Drivers - revised, first reading.
- B. **Board Meeting Dates** - Approved the July through December 2022 School Board Meeting dates.
- C. **Transportation Contract** - Approved the transportation contract for one family to transport their child to D.T. Watson during the extended school year July 6 - July 28, 2022.
- D. **Duquesne University School of Education Affiliation Agreement** - Approved the affiliation agreement with Duquesne University School of Education to provide cooperating professionals for field placements, student teaching and internships for the five-year term from June 1, 2022 to June 1, 2027.
- E. **Seneca Valley Custodial ESPA-PSEA-NEA Contract** - Approved the agreement with Seneca Valley Custodial ESPA-PSEA-NEA effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.
- F. **Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School (BCAVTS) Authority Board Members** - Appointed Mr. Frederick Peterson to the BCAVTS Authority Board and Mr. Mike Jacobs as the Authority Board alternate.

Ms. Harrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl, to approve the board policies, board meeting dates, transportation contract, Duquesne University School of Education Affiliation Agreement, SV custodial ESPA-PSEA-NEA Contract, and BCAVTS Authority Board members as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

- G. **2022-23 K-6 Proposed Adjustments to Student Attendance Zones** - Approve the 2022-23 K-6 Adjustments to Student Attendance Zones as originally proposed on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

No board member made a motion to move the 2022-23 K-6 Proposed Adjustments to Student Attendance Zones motion forward. Therefore, the meeting proceeded to the next motion.

- H. **2022-23 K-6 Proposed Adjustments to Student Attendance Zones, Added Roads**  
Approved the 2022-23 K-6 Proposed Adjustments to Student Attendance Zones with Ehrman Crest Elementary boundary lines to include the following roads:
- Cherrington Drive
  - Whispering Oaks Drive
    - Grove Court
  - Windsor Court

Mr. Hester motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson, to approve the 2022-23 K-6 Proposed Adjustments to Student Attendance Zones with Ehrman Crest Elementary boundary lines to include Cherrington Drive, Whispering Oaks Drive (Grove Court), and Windsor Court. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

## 9. **INSTRUCTION**

### A. **Student Trips**

1. Approved the orchestra trip to Norfolk, Virginia, from April 28 to May 1, 2022 where students will have the opportunity to participate in an adjudication where their musicianship will be evaluated by world class musicians. Students will also see the many unique sites of Virginia, support their band peers marching in the parade of nations, and create community within the orchestra program. Students will miss two days of school. Dr. McKinley
2. Approved the trip to Costa Rica on April 1-8, 2023 under the supervision of Christina Hollowood and at no cost to the district. Part of spring break would be used, and students would miss only two days of school.
3. Approved the Envirothon state competition trip to Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg, PA on May 24-25 under the supervision of Dana Hadley and at no cost to the district. Students will miss one day of school.

B. **Conference Requests** - Approved the conference requests.

### C. **Grants**

1. Granted permission to apply for and disburse the PPG Innovative Classroom Grant in the amount of \$1,000. Funds will be used to support STEM activities in a 6th grade science class at Haine Middle School. Ms. Sharon Kramer
2. Granted permission to apply for and disburse the PPG Innovative Classroom Grant in the amount of \$1,000. Funds will be used to support Fly-Fishing Activity & Enrichment at Haine Middle School. Mr. Tim Cammisa

D. **Club Status** - Approved club status for the Book & Literature Club at no cost to the district and under the supervision of Intermediate High School teacher, Mrs. Cheri Mihalik.

E. **Athletic Uniform Disposal** - Approved the disposal of old, unusable athletic uniforms and warm-ups.

- F. **Flexible Instruction Days (FIDS) Affirmation** - Permitted the administration to complete and remit the Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by June 1, 2022. If approved by the PDE, it will grant permission for the administration to execute the Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) Program as submitted for the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years in accordance with Act 64 of 2019.

In reference to item A2, Dr. McKinley noted that any student trip provides an opportunity for learning.

Ms. Whittle motioned, seconded by Mr. Jacobs to approve the student trips, conference requests, grants, club status, athletic uniform disposal, and flexible instruction days affirmation as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

#### 10. **BUSINESS/FINANCE ACTION**

- A. **Budget Transfers** - Approved the budget transfers.
- B. **Change Orders** - Approved the construction change orders for Ehrman Crest.
- C. **Professional Photography Contract Awards** - Awarded the following professional photography contracts for the 2022-23 through 2024-25 school years.
  - 1. Yearbook events and activities contract to Bill Sauers Photography
  - 2. K-12 portraits contract to Jostens
- D. **Lease Agreement with SVSD and Zelenople Borough** - Approved the lease agreement between Seneca Valley School District (SVSD) and Zelenople Borough for the lease of two baseball / softball fields.
- E. **Agreement with SVSD, Zelenople Borough, and SVNAA for Score Boards at CVE** - Approved the agreement with Seneca Valley School District (SVSD), Seneca Valley North Athletic Association (SVNAA), and Zelenople Borough for scoreboards and sponsorship signs at the baseball and softball fields.
- F. **Bid Awards** - Awarded the following bids for the 2022-23 school year.
  - 1. General Supplies
  - 2. Maintenance Supplies
  - 3. Print Supplies
- G. **Depository/Treasurer** - Appointed NextTier Bank as depository and treasurer for the 2022-2023 school year.
- H. **Proposed 2022-23 Budget** - Approved the proposed 2022-23 budget in the amount of \$161,612,983 with no millage increase and authorize the budget to be made available for public inspection.

- I. **YMCA Corporate 25 Community Partnership** - Approved the Corporate 25 Community Partnership agreement between the Butler County YMCA and Seneca Valley School District to provide membership discounts and benefits for district employees.
  
- J. **Early Intervention Agreement** - Approved the lease agreement with the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the operation of an Early Intervention program as established by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and under the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning at the District's Rowan Elementary School for the 2022-23 school year.

Mr. Jacobs thanked Ms. Burtner for her hard work on the proposed budget which includes no millage increase. He asked to consider, as the budget is finalized, the dollar amount to be transferred from the operations account into capital projects noting that we are heading into a very capital-intensive season.

Mr. DiTullio echoed Mr. Jacobs comments noting that we are expanding programs and opening a new school as we head out of a pandemic. The plan put in place years ago is now ensuring a slow and steady growth for the district.

Dr. Vitale added that we would need this dollar figure before June and asked the Finance Committee Chairpersons to consider what that figure should be - more or less than the \$7,000,000 proposed balance for capital reserve transfer.

Mr. Jacobs motioned, seconded by Mr. Hester, to approve the budget transfers, change orders, professional photography contract awards, lease agreement with SVSD and Zelienople Borough, Agreement with SVSD, Zelienople Borough and SVNAA for score boards at CVE, bid awards, depository/treasurer, proposed 2022-23 budget, YMCA Corporate 25 Community Partnership, and early intervention agreement, as listed above. The motion carried on a roll call vote with those present voting in the affirmative.

- 11. **PERSONNEL** - Mr. Jeff Widdowson - Approved the resignations, appointments, contracted services, leaves and retirements. These items were discussed in an executive session held prior to this meeting.

**Resignations** - *Professional* - Christina Wawrzyniakowski; *Classified* - Michelle Tresky, Samantha Crowe, Brandi Ruiz, Emily Gregory

**Appointments** - *Supervisor* - Taylor Schmidt; *Professional* - Col. Howard Keebler; *Professional Substitutes* - Jocelyn Gerwig, Calynn Rosenbaum, Brittany Johnson, Bethany Geary, April Claus; *Classified* - Megan May, Tiffany Dick, Kenneth Luna, Rattana Cenedella; *Classified Substitute* - Sheli Baker

**Supplementals** - Nicole Moorman, Laura Wise, Elaine Duggan, Katie Wise, Megan Wise, Steve Strelick, Ron Butschle, JP McFeeley, Ryan Lehmeier, Shane Patsilevas, Tim Sasson, Kevin Locke, Jonathan Hale, Michael Pelloni, Mickey Flood, Michael Henry, Eric Semega,

John Hickman, Barry Murray, Nathan Flood, Mark Del Duca, Chris Eden, David Haslett, Coleman Mazur, John Neff, Jim Rekowski, Mark Reno, Casey Williams, Dean Leventopoulos, Michael Stebbins, Kevin Wildrick, Brian Pesavento, Jody Barrett, Barry Pile, Ashley Porter, George Williams, Jay Roman, Brian Goche, Jeff Richards, Jim Bull, Stan Zimmerman, Scott Stewart, Mark Perry, Eric Grove, Brett Poirier, Laura Blazejewski, Christopher Titus, Amanda Shaheen, Elana Kriess, Elizabeth Williams, Whitney Corrigan, Lynne Rodrigues, Halley Alexander, Alysia Barrett, Janet Becker, Amanda Bondi, Amy Brush, Carey Carvelli, April Christopher, Kristi Dietz, Susan Himic, Victoria Hinchee, Susan Irwin, Karissa Lambert, Maria Landolina, Kiera Librera, Margaret Marciniak, Jenna Montelaro, Rosemary Piso, Jeanne Probst, Tracy Richards, Christine Roe, Nichole Schauer, Kelsey Shaum, Jennifer Shipe, Judi Spinelli, Sydney Sterner, Janet Tallerico, Brittney Voettiner, Leah Vogel, Kelly Vu, Joan Widdowson, Steven Fortunato, Emily Gregory, Kevin Holman, Barry Marcella, Katherine Miller, Madeline Nowak, Lynette Plank, Tracy Semega, Julie Shearer, Pamela Volz, Ann Wise, Christina Dugan, Andrew Parker, Catherine Smolter, Col. Howard Keebler.

**Contracted Services** - Dr. Jared Ramsey

**Leaves** - *Administrator* - Amanda Mallin, Nannette Farmer; *Psychologist* - Latitia Lattanzio-Paros; *Professional* - Maggie Novak, Michelle Huffman, Carolyn Bromberg, Katie Wolford, Gabriella Harding, Malika Christopher, Allison Ricci-Stebbins, Robin Clay; *Classified* - Diane Dunlap, Kathleen Wiedmeyer, Christi Rice

**Retirements** - *Director* - Dennis McAnallen, Darlene Carmack; *Classified* - Susan Hilliard

Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Ms. Bredl, to approve the resignations, appointments, contracted services, leaves and retirements. The motion carried on a roll call vote with 8 votes in the affirmative and Ms. Whittle abstaining.

12. **COMMUNICATION** - The following constituent communicated through the SVSD school board email account.
  - A. Ms. Jenny Monahan - Note of thanks
13. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the board, Mr. Widdowson motioned, seconded by Ms. Whittle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mr. Eric DiTullio, Board President

Ms. Lisa Mislan, Board Secretary